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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

WELD SEVEN WAR WORK AGENCIES INTO RELIEF ARMY

Great Organizations Which Are Helping to Keep Up the Morale of Fighting Millions Unite in Campaign for \$170,500,000.

With millions of American men on war fronts, in training camps and on the seas and with thousands of American women on foreign soil, all engaged in the stupendous task of making the world safe for democracy, a great duty devolves upon those who remain in the United States—the duty of sending Home to those who have put Home behind them for the period of the war. The agencies through which this can be accomplished are joined in the United War Work Campaign.

From being given the cigarette or chocolate bar, with which he stays his hunger in the fury of battle, to the theatrical entertainment or the athletic games, which relax him into normal comfort after weeks of terrific combat, the American fighter is dependent upon the continued efforts of the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the National Catholic War Council and K. of C., the War Camp Community Service, the Jewish Welfare Board, the American Library Association and the Salvation Army. To carry on this work the combined welfare organizations are seeking a fund of \$170,500,000.

The Y. M. C. A. provides 538 huts in American training camps and more than 800 in the war zone as centres which the fighters can use as clubs, schools, theatres, stores, churches, libraries and writing rooms. More than 7,000 men and women had been sent overseas or approved for overseas work by early autumn and 3,822 were serving in American camps at home.

Y. M. C. A. huts are the centres of "American Expeditionary Force" and the American theatres where the American entertainers, sent over by the "Y," appear. Noted American public men and clergymen speak in the huts. Classes are conducted there. Millions of letters are written there on paper provided free by the "Y." Physical directors of the "Y" teach and spread mass athletics, using material furnished free by the organization.

The Y. W. C. A. does similar work for the thousands of American women in war work overseas—signal corps, telephone operators, nurses and French munition workers. It provides cafeterias, rest and recreation centres, entertainment and reading for these women and girls.

The Y. W. C. A.'s outstanding contribution to soldier welfare work in training camps was the establishment of Hostess Houses, where the soldier or sailor may receive his mother, wife, sister or sweetheart in the surroundings and atmosphere of the best homes.

The National Catholic War Council co-ordinates all Catholic welfare work in support of the government and through the K. of C. provides canteens for our fighters in all American training camps, as well as having seventy-five centres in France and three in England. In their huts the K. of C. provides entertainment, movies, boxing, boats, educational work, religious services, free stationery, reading matter and writing rooms. In France their rolling canteen accompanies the American army, their secretaries march with the troops, giving away cigarettes, cookies, chocolates, soap and towels.

The K. of C. had 300 workers in France at the beginning of autumn, with 450 more passed by the government and 200 others signed up. At the same date they had 403 secretaries in American training camps, 150 buildings, fifty-six more in the course of erection and contracts let for fifty more.

War Camp Community Service functions exclusively in America, its special mission being to "surround the camps with hospitality." In place of leaving the soldier or sailor to the promiscuous companions and diversions formerly his lot, the organization obtains for him the best to be had in communities adjoining camps or through which he passes.

W. C. C. S. obtains for him invitations to dine, bathe or spend the day in the best homes. It introduces him to the best women and girls at social gatherings, church entertainments, theatre parties. It arouses communities to provide concerts, athletic contests and other wholesome diversions for the soldier, and to drive out or discourage the vicious elements which have been historic camp followers.

The Jewish Welfare Board is correlating the strength and purposes of 100,000 Jewish soldiers, sailors and marines with that of the Gentile sol-

diers. The board teaches the English language, American civics and ideals to thousands of young Jewish men who were inducted into service after only a few years' residence in this country. While safeguarding his religious rites, the board assists in the process of welding the Jewish soldier into the solid American unit and in bridging over the differences between him and the others.

The American Library Association is providing reading matter for every American soldier, sailor, marine and prisoner of war. In addition to gathering and forwarding three million books contributed by the American people the association bought 550,271 books, mostly technical, of which 198,267 were sent overseas. More than 1,500,000 books of all kinds have been assigned to libraries in Y. M. C. A., K. of C. or Salvation Army huts in the war zone, a similar number being distributed in American training camps, while half a million are on warships or transports. The association has erected and operates forty-one library buildings.

The Salvation Army, with 1,210 workers, principally women, overseas, has won the affection of the fighters. Its 501 huts, rest and reading rooms are popular gathering places for the soldiers. The doughnuts fried by Salvation lassies in huts or trenches and given to the men have become famous around the world. The Salvation Army gave forty-four ambulances to the American and Allied armies and in many other ways gives constant unselfish service.

58 JEWISH WORKERS GOING "OVER THERE"

Col. Barker Bids Godspeed to the Graduates of Training School.

The whole-souled co-operation between the seven great organizations working for the happiness and welfare of our soldiers and sailors was recently illustrated at the graduation exercises of the tenth class of the Jewish Welfare Board's Training School in New York. Col. William S. Barker, who went to France representing the Salvation Army with the first contingent of our troops and has been "over there" fifteen months, was the principal speaker and wished the fifty-eight Jewish workers of the class Godspeed, while Louis Marshall, the prominent Jewish attorney and philanthropist of New York, lauded the work of the Salvation Army among the boys at the front.

"What our fighting boys need is inspiration and heart and character in those who are there to help them," declared Col. Barker. "You will represent in the camps and overseas the ideals and standards of the Jewish faith, and it is up to you above all things to be consistent in your religious practices. Practice what you preach. That, I am sure, has been the secret of our own success. If you live up to the principles of your faith and give what you have to give from a heart big with love, the boys will respect you, whether they be Protestant, Catholic or Jew."

The newly graduated field workers will make a total of 260 men doing field work in our camps and naval training stations under the auspices of the Jewish Welfare Board. The Board has about fifty "huts" in the various camps and maintains centers in all large cities where soldiers and sailors of all faiths are welcomed. A headquarters has recently been established in Paris, and 100 men are being recruited here for overseas work. There are now nearly 125,000 Jews serving in the army and navy.

United War Work Campaign Program

The campaign begins on Monday morning, November 11, and ends at midnight on Monday, November 18.

As approved by representatives of the Government at Washington the \$170,500,000 will be divided as follows:

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| Y. M. C. A. | \$100,000,000 |
| Y. W. C. A. | 15,000,000 |
| National Catholic War Council (including Knights of Columbus) | 30,000,000 |
| War Camp Community Service | 15,000,000 |
| Jewish Welfare Board | 3,500,000 |
| American Library Association | 3,500,000 |
| Salvation Army | 3,500,000 |

Any surplus will be divided pro rata.

Do your neighbor a favor by telling how good the Sentinel is.

JACKSON COUNTY BOYS "WITH THE COLORS"

Preston Crowder Takes Part in Two Battles—Saw Nothing That Looked Bad to Him.

Somewhere in France, September 26, 1918.

Dear Mother:

Will write you a few lines, as I have not written you in several days. I have had but little time recently to write, my time being occupied with other things.

I received your letter this morning. Was glad to hear from you and learn that all were well. Glad to know that papa and Ben have them a good job. I have not heard from any of the other home folks since I have been over here. I don't write much, and that is to you. I have written to Verda, Bell and Rose too, but have received no reply. You spoke about me falling in love with the French girls. You need not have any fear of that, as I have no notion of such a thing.

I have taken part in two battles and come out unscathed. I saw nothing that looked bad to me, and feel safe at all times. From are present location we can hear the big guns roaring all the time.

I am well and hope this will find all home the same. Write soon. Your son,

Preston Crowder,
Battery A. 115 F. A.
American E. F.

Carlos Gentry Writes From the Trenches—Feels Safe in His Dugout.

Somewhere in France, October 11, 1918.

Dear Mama and Papa:

How are you all this morning? Fine I hope. I am well and getting along fine, and having a very good time.

We are in the trenches now, but it isn't as dangerous as you think it is. We have a good place to sleep, and when I get in my dugout I am like a ground-hog, I feel safe. We have lots of fun together, and pull off some good jokes on each other.

It is bad at the best, but it isn't like I thought it would be. I will tell you just how it is. With the big guns of kinds roaring it reminds one of Christmas time at home.

I don't you to worry about me, for I am coming home in the Spring or Fall. I am almost sure we will have peace by then, for they are talking peace strong now.

I have written you about all the news there is. I will write you if I am wounded, but there is much danger so far. I don't know how it will be later on.

Write to me often, for that is one thing I enjoy, hearing from home, sweet home.

With love to all, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am one who thinks of you each day.

Pvt. Carlis B Gentry,
Co. L. 322 Inf.,
American E. F.,
U. S. A. P. O. No. 791,
Via N. Y.

Bedford Bilbrey Learns to Talk French

Somewhere in France, September 24, 1918.

Dear Editor:

If you will allow me space in your paper I will write to my dear friends in Jackson county.

This is a beautiful country, but of course things are not like they are in the dear old U. S. A.

I have learned to talk French some. It was very strange at

first, but we soon learned to talk so we could understand them.

I have met lots of Tennessee boys over here, but haven't met any from Jackson county. I hope to find some of my home boys soon.

I would be glad to hear from any of my friends at home. So please write and I will answer.

Martin Myers be sure and write the Stone news, as I like it in the Sentinel. Keep lots of news in the paper, and I will write a long article next time.

With best wishes to all.
Bedford Bilbrey,
Unit No. 7,
Medical Corps,
American E. F.

England a Fine Country.

Somewhere in England, September 5, 1918.

Mrs. Ruby Hix,

Dear wife:

We have finely arrived safely overseas, and are somewhere in England. We are having a very good time and are well satisfied. We are well cared for and have no cause for complaint.

Do not worry about me being gone, for will return sooner than you think. This is sure a fine country, and if you and the baby were over here I would stay. This is the prettiest county I have been in since I left home, and everything is looking good.

Tell papa he should be ever here to go rabbit hunting. There are some of the largest rabbits here I have ever seen, and I know he would enjoy hunting them.

I will close for this time with love to all.

J. Hix,
Co. 9, Camp Pike July
Automatic Repl. Draft
American E. F.

Americans Soldiers are Running the Germans To Death.

Somewhere in France, September 24, 1918.

Dear Folks at Home:

Will answer some of your letters, as I have received five from you since I have wrote. This I could not help, as I been too busy to write.

I am sure you have been reading in the papers of the Americans success over here. You may be sure we are a busy lot, and are having plenty to do.

I am setting in a very deep dugout writing this letter by candle-light, while Fritz's shells are bursting outside. Of course when you read this no doubt we will be several miles back of the lines in some rest camp. We stay in the front lines for a certain period of time, and then go back for a rest.

We are hoping to have this job finished up soon, and on our way home. If we keep the Germans going like we have now, we will soon have them run to death. If they wont stay and fight we will run them to death. And believe me they sure are good runners. At least that's what the infantry say.

I will have to cut this letter short, as I have another one to write and have but little time left. It there is enough of this left after the censor gets through with it to answer, please do so

and it be will appreciated.

Until then I am you son,
Sgt. H. E. Brown,
Co. D. 315 Engineers,
Am. E. F., A. P. O. 770.

W. C. Whitaker Writes From England.

Somewhere in England, September 23, 1918.

Dear Father and Mother:

I am well and hope you are the same. I haven't heard from any of you since I left Camp Pike. I am getting anxious to hear from home, but expect it will be sometime before I do.

I can't write much of anything that you would like know, as the censor does not permit it.

I hope everybody is well and getting along fine.

I suppose several of the boys had to rejoin this month. Winston did I know, but I hope he wont have to come to the army.

Wish I was there today to go to church with you. I would enjoy it fine, for I don't have but little opportunities of attending church over here.

Write every week and tell all the news, as I am anxious to hear from all at home.

May God be with you all.

Your loving son,
W. C. Whitaker,
Co. 9, Camp Pike, July
A. R. D., Am. E. F.

(W. C. Whitaker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Whitaker, of Gainesboro R-2. He left for Camp Pike, Ark., May 28. From there he went to Camp Merritt, N. J., and then sailed for England.)

Henry Trisdale Expects to Return Next Spring, Thinks War Will Soon Close.

Somewhere in France, October, 5, 1918.

Dear Mother:

I received your good letter of Aug. 29th, and was so glad to hear from you. Your dream dear mother, is soon to come true, for the war is about to come to a close. So cheer up mother, soon the spring will be here, and that's the time I will return.

I cannot write just as I would like to, but if you know that I am well and uninjured and that ought to do until I can tell you all about my part of the war by the fireside at home.

There are sure lots of fine fellows here in the army.

There are boys from the north and west. I am staying in a dugout with a Nebraska cowboy, who was transferred to camp Houston, Kansas, last spring, you know that I like the open life of the range any way.

I saw Olive Norton to day, he is fine and dandy.

Herman Haile has gone to the Officer's training corps, and I am sure he will make good.

How is grandfather now? Tell him I often think of him, and in fact, every one back home. I hope that little Henry is in excellent health. I must close as time is short, will write again in a few days. Give my love to all and retain a large portion for yourself.

Your affectionate son,
Henry Trisdale,
Co. I. 117th Inf., A. E. F.
A. P. O. 749.

TOWN PROPERTY FOR SALE.

The David Loftis town property, consisting of dwelling, barn and the best garden spot in town. Good well water. Good location. For further particulars, call or see Dr. H. P. Loftis Gainesboro.

WAR DEPARTMENT ISSUES IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS.

Applicants to Students Army Training Corps Must Apply to the Educational Institution of His Choice For Information.

Nashville, Tenn.

Nov. 6, 1918.

Editor of Sentinel:

It is very important that the following information be given the widest possible distribution as quickly as possible.

F. A. Lang, Col. U. S. A.,
District Military Inspector

The War Department has issued instructions defining its policy in regard to the change in educational requirements for admission the collegiate section, Students Army Training Corps.

An effort is being made to keep these units up to authorized strength. Due to pressing need for officers in all branches of the service, men are continually being transferred to Officers' Training Camps. A new system of recruiting these sections is being worked out, and pending its completion, the war department directs that institutions where present number of inducted men is less than its authorized quota, may certify for induction such students who do not have the prescribed number of units, but whom the head of the institution and the commanding officer of the unit, jointly, believe to be competent to pursue one of the programs prescribed.

Due consideration will be given to such high school training as applicants have had, also to vocational and business experience, to previous military training, and to such personal qualifications as are relevant to the making of an officer.

The purpose of the foregoing arrangement is not to abolish educational standards, but to permit such relaxation as is necessary to bring the strength of the corps to its total authorization.

An applicant for admission to the Students Army Training Corps should apply by mail immediately to the educational institution of his choice for detailed information.

District Red Cross Chairmen To Handle Christmas Packages For Soldiers Overseas.

The following are the Chairmen for each district of Jackson County to assist in the Christmas parcel work for our soldiers overseas.

Full instructions will be mailed to each Chairman, they are urged to study these and hand them out through their districts, giving the widest publicity possible.

2nd District, Mrs. J. V. Pistole
3rd dist., Mrs. J. L. McCarver
4th dist., Miss Sallie Gillock
5th dist., Mrs. Dona Galbreath
6th dist., Mrs. John Cox
7th dist., Mrs. H. B. Brown
8th dist., Mrs. Major Flynn
9th dist., Miss Nell Gore
10th dist. Miss Mary Cummins
11th dist. Mrs. H. M. Haile
12th dist. John W. Chaffin
13th dist. Mrs. Alice Herod
14th dist. Mrs. White Myers
15th dist. Henry Hall.

Mrs. J. L. McCawley,
Blanch Tinsley,
Mrs. Jeff Reeves,
Committee.